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1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE ARTICLE ENTITLED "A TILT TOWARD TURKEY", WITH THE SUBHEAD "CARTER TRIES TO KEEP ANKARA IN THE NATO FOLD", WHICH APPEARED IN THE APRIL 17 EUROPEAN EDITION OF TIME MAGAZINE, PER REFERENCE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: EXCEPT FOR A FACT-FINDING MISSION SENT TO THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN MORE THAN A YEAR AGO, THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE FESTERING QUARTEL BETWEEN TWO KEY U.S. ALLIES, GREECE AND TURKEY, HAS CONSISTED MOSTLY OF HOPING THE PROBLEM WOULD GO AWAY. IT DID NOT. THE POLICY OF BENIGN NEGLECT HAS ESPECIALLY RANKLED IN ANKARA, SINCE IT IS THE ONLY PARTY IN THE DISPUTE TO BE "PUNISHED" BY THE U.S.- WITH A CONGRESSIONALLY IMPOSED EMBARGO ON THE PURCHASE OF AMERICAN ARMS. LAST WEEK, IN A BELATED EFFORT TO HALT A POTENTIALLY DISASTROUS DRIFT FROM THE FOLD BY THE ONLY NATO MEMBER TO SHARE A BORDER WITH THE SOVIET UNION. CARTER ASKED CONGRESS TO RESCIND ITS BAN ON WEAPONS SALES.

3. CONGRESS IS BY NO MEANS CERTAIN TO GIVE THE  
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PRESIDENT WHAT HE WANTS. MEMBERS OF THE SO-CALLED GREEK LOBBY, WHICH ORGANIZED THE BOYCOTT MOTION AFTER TURKEY'S INVASION OF CYPRUS IN 1974, PROMISED TO WAGE A VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN AGAINST CARTER'S REQUEST. LIFTING THE BAN, SAID HOUSE MAJORITY WHIP JOHN BRADEMAS, WOULD "UNDERMINE THE RULE OF LAW" BY RESTORING TURKEY'S RIGHT TO BUY U.S. ARMS WHILE ITS TROOPS CONTINUE TO

OCCUPY MORE THAN A THIRD OF CYPRIOT TERRITORY. NEW YORK'S SENATOR JACOB JAVITS FLATLY PREDICTED THAT THE UPPER HOUSE WOULD REJECT THE PROPOSAL.

4. THE LAST THING CARTER NEEDS IS ANOTHER UPHILL FIGHT IN CONGRESS, BUT THE PRESSURES TO MAKE A GESTURE IN ANKARA'S DIRECTION WERE STRONG AND GROWING STRONGER, THOUGH CONGRESS PARTLY LIFTED THE ARMS BAN ON THREE OCCASIONS AND HAS ALLOWED THE TURKS TO BUY A TOTAL OF \$425 MILLION WORTH OF WEAPONS ON CREDIT, TURKEY'S 500,000 MAN ARMED FORCES STILL NEED MORE NEW EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES. NATO SUPREME COMMANDER ALEXANDER HAIG CALCULATES THAT THE MILITARY'S OVERALL EFFICIENCY HAS BEEN CUT BY 50 PERCENT SINCE THE EMBARGO BEGAN. MEANWHILE, AS U.S. MILITARY AND OTHER KINDS OF AID TO TURKEY HAVE DWINDLED. MOSCOW HAS HELPED FILL THE VOID IN NONMILITARY FORMS OF ASSISTANCE, WITH NEWLY GRANTED CREDITS OF \$800 MILLION IN MOSCOW, TURKEY NOW RANKS AS THE NO. 4 RECIPIENT OF KREMLIN ECONOMIC LARGESSE, BECAUSE OF ITS HISTORIC INDEPENDENCE, WE DIDN'T EVER EXPECT TURKEY TO GO SOVIET," SAYS A U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL. "BUT IT IS A FACT THAT MANY OF THE YOUNGER TURKS ARE CAPTIVATED BY THE IDEA OF AN INDEPENDENT, THIRD WORLD POSTURE".

5. IN MARCH, TURKISH PREMIER BULENT ECEVIT, THE UNCLASSIFIED

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MAN WHO ORDERED THE CYPRUS INVASION TO PROTECT THE ISLAND'S TURKISH MINORITY, STRONGLY URGED SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE TO SEEK AN END TO THE EMBARGO. AS A SIGN OF GOOD FAITH, ECEVIT THENTOOK THE INITIATIVE IN SETTING UP THE FIRST MEETING BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKISH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT SINCE THE INVASION; THAT SUMMIT TOOK PLACE IN THE SWISS RESORT OF MONTREAX. WHEN THE ADMINISTRATION FAILED TO PROVIDE A QUID PRO QUO, ECEVIT EXPLODED. HE NOTIFIED WASHINGTON THAT HE WOULD STAY HOME FROM THE ANNUAL NATO MINSTERIAL MEETING NEXT MONTH IN WASHINGTON AND WOULD SET UP A TOP-LEVEL COMMITTEE TO REASSESS TURKEY'S DEFENSE PRIORITIES BASED ON A "NATIONAL DEFENSE CONCEPT."

6. THE LATEST U.S. TILT IN THE GREECE-TURKEY FEUD NATURALLY DREW HARSH CRITICISM BOTH IN ATHENS AND FROM THE CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT IN NOCOSIA. "I DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS EITHER RIGHT OR FAIR," SAID GREEK DEFENSE MINISTER EVANGELOS AVEROF. IN NICOSIA, WHERE U.S. AMBASSADOR RODGER DAVIES WAS KILLED DURING A DEMONSTRATION IN 1974, AUTHORITIES WORKED THROUGH

THE NIGHT TO GIRD THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AND U.S.  
INFORMATION CENTER WITH A PROTECTIVE SHIELD OF BARBED  
WIRE. SOME 2,000 PROTESTORS, MOSTLY STUDENTS, SHOWED  
UP AT THE EMBASSY, BUT THERE WAS NO VIOLENCE.

7. ECEVIT INTENDS TO SHOW HIS GRATITUDE FOR CARTER'S  
MOVE BY PROPOSING WITHIN TEN DAYS A NEW PEACE PLAN FOR  
CYPRUS. THAT AT LEAST WOULD RESTORE A GIVE-AND-GET BASIS  
TO THE PROCESS OF RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THE TWO  
COUNTRIES. BUT IF THE GIVES AND THE GETS CONTINUE  
TO DRAG ON FOR NEARLY THREE YEARS PER ROUND, NATO  
WILL REMAIN A PROBLEM FAMILY FOR A LONG TIME. END TEXT.  
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